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sandbar willow

Salix exigua

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering
plants

Features

The sandbar willow is a shrubby tree that grows to 15 feet tall. Its bark is gray and furrowed with rough scales. The leaves are arranged alternately along the branch. They are long and narrow (up to 4 1/2 inches long and one-half inch wide) with widely spaced teeth. Flowers are clustered in long spikes with male and female flowers on separate plants. Fruits are flask-shaped, brown capsules up to one-third inch long.

Natural History

The sandbar willow grows along streams, rivers, and sandbars. It flowers from April through June. It is a pioneer species along rivers and streams.

Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; interior rivers and streams

Iowa Status

common; native

Iowa Range

statewide